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Felon Convicted of Killing AAA Driver in Pico Rivera

A 41-year-old man pleaded no contest today to fatally stabbing a AAA driver as the victim was helping a customer, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At today's court appearance, Tobias Ruben Cabrera pleaded to one count of second-degree murder in case VA139297. Additionally, the defendant admitted he was previously convicted of corporal injury with a firearm causing great bodily injury to a spouse/cohabitant/child's parent in 2001.

Cabrera is scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 31 in Department T at the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Norwalk Branch. He faces at least 20 years to life in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Amanda Luna of the Victim Impact Program, who prosecuted the case, said on June 2, 2015, victim Raymond Zabala, a AAA driver, drove to a Pico Rivera neighborhood to service a customer's car.

While working on the car, Cabrera, a transient, walked up to Zabala and asked what was going on before stabbing the victim with a knife, the prosecutor added.

Following the assault, Cabrera got on a bike and fled the area. Zabala went to a neighboring home to seek help, but ultimately succumbed to his injuries at the scene, according to the prosecutor.

Several days after the incident, Cabrera was located by law enforcement and charged in connection with the attack.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.